REMARKS

Initially, the undersigned would like to thank Examiner Pompey for the courtesies extended during the personal interview conducted on June 16, 2005. During the interview, U.S. Patent No. 5,091,763 was discussed.

Claims 22-40 are pending, with Claims 22, 38, and 39 being independent.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Pompey for the indication that Claims 41-43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 22, 38, and 39 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claims 41-43, respectively. Accordingly, allowance of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Applicant respectfully requests correction of the Form PTO-892 attached to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2004, which incorrectly lists U.S. Patent No. 5,922,673 to Gluckman et al., instead of U.S. Patent No. 5,292,673 to Shinriki et al.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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